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Antique Restoration

Dear Antique Restoration:

The original manufacturer's data for Model 1866, serial number 163425, as extracted from the original Winchester records housed in this museum, are as follows:

Serial number application date not available

Type: Carbine

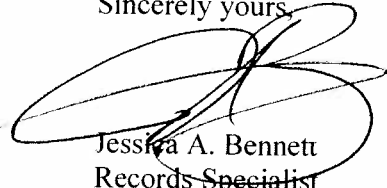
Nickel

Received in warehouse on July 20, 1883

Shipped from warehouse on July 21, 1883, Order number 4546

No other information is available for this serial number.

Sincerely yours,



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*This Factory Letter is a staff interpretation of handwritten, abbreviated records. Some errors may occur in transcription.*

*This letter makes no representations concerning the authenticity, value, or ownership history of the firearm to which it pertains. It should be noted that some replicas and reproductions bear serial numbers identical to the original firearms.*

The following rarity table was compiled from factory records, production figures of inside contractors and all available data. All figures were brought to the lowest number where necessary. Certain combinations of special order features were rarely made; these features are discussed throughout the Winchester Book. In some cases very rare features are not included in this count. Foreign shipments of large groups of Winchesters are not counted in this table if their inclusion would give an erroneous idea of rarity. In 1931-1933, when this table was prepared, all records were still available. Now, except in few cases, the records prior to 1875, or serial number 125,000 are missing, having been destroyed in about 1933.

It is interesting to note that plated models 66 are of greater rarity than inscribed or engraved guns,

and that special wood (deluxe walnut in most cases) is an even greater rarity than engraved or plated models 66. A comparative count of engraved guns, comparing early models 66 with the *later* numbers, indicates that the early models 66, prior to serial numbers 125,000 were engraved at the factory in such large comparative numbers that the total ratio of engraved guns is brought to a much larger figure. Models 66, therefore, made prior to 1875 and numbers near 125,000 were much more frequently engraved than numbers after 125,000.

Note that in the count, 1 of each 14 muskets had attachment for saber bayonet; where they all went is a good question, but muskets with saber bayonet studs which are in collections now do not appear in this proportion.

Comparative Rarity: Model 1866 Winchester  
 One of each 4200 Carbines had a non-standard barrel  
 200 Rifles had a 20 inch barrel  
 275 Rifles had a barrel longer than the standard 24 inch length  
 300 Guns was plated in some manner  
 210 Guns was engraved or inscribed  
 800 Guns had special wood  
 3 of each 4 manufactured were carbines  
 Rifles outnumbered muskets by 2 to 1  
 1 of each 14 muskets had attachment for saber bayonet

One each of  
 566 Guns  
 424 Carbines

566  
 300 | 170,000  
 1500  
 2000  
 1800  
 2000

566  
 752  
 2830  
 3962  
 42450

